



## Important Notice for Motor Carriers Involved in Texas Relief Efforts Effective May 30, 2015

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**What's New:** President Barack Obama has declared certain counties in Texas disaster areas. With this **declaration, Texas' MAP-21** Emergency Permit became available to carriers in Texas involved in relief efforts.

The MAP-21 Emergency Permit allows vehicles to travel to and within the geographical area covered by the President's emergency declaration to either:

- Assist in expediting debris removal from roadways, staging areas, or temporary structure locations (permit is not valid for loads leaving the area with exception of those removing debris), or
- Deliver relief supplies (the entire load must consist of relief supplies). Relief supplies include but are not limited to medicine, medical equipment, food supplies (including for livestock), water, and materials for building temporary structures.

The permit expires 120 days from the date of the President's declaration.

Travel – This permit is only valid in Texas. Carriers may not operate a vehicle on a weight-restricted road or cross a load-posted bridge if the gross weight of the vehicle and load, or the axles and wheel loads, are greater than the established and posted limits.

There are no restrictions on the time and days of movement.

Size and Weight Limits – The vehicle and load may not exceed Texas legal size limits. The maximum weights allowed with this permit are:

- 21,500 pounds on a single axle
- 43,000 on a tandem axle group
- 53,000 pounds on a three axle group (wheelbase more than 8' and less than 13')
- 160,000 pounds gross weight

Fees – There is no fee for this permit.

**Action:** This permit may be self-issued through the Texas Permitting and Routing Optimization System (TxPROS). Select "MAP 21 Emergency" from the permit type drop-down list when ordering.

A copy of the President's declaration must be carried with the permit. The declaration can be found on the Federal Emergency Management Agency's website, [www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov).

**Contact**

**Information:** Texas Department of Motor Vehicles  
Motor Carrier Division – Oversize/Overweight Permits Section  
Phone: 1-800-299-1700, option 1

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